

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1-18 are rejected. Claims 1-18 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over *Enhanced Host Controller Interface Specification for Universal Serial Bus* (Rev. 0.96) ("EHCI Spec") in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0174255 by Hayter et al. ("Hayter"). Applicant respectfully traverses the aforementioned rejection for the following reasons.

Applicant asserts that EHCI Spec Rev. 0.96 is not a valid prior art and submits a 37 C.F.R. 1.131 declaration signed by the inventor. Applicant's concept was conceived well before EHCI Spec Rev. 0.96 was published and Applicant was diligent in filing the application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts EHCI Spec. Rev. 0.96 is not a valid prior art reference.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) rejections for claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

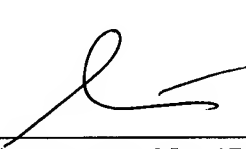

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely 1-18, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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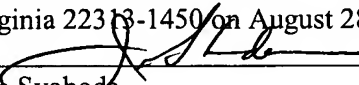
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